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A pastor has risen up against the annual ban on drumming and noisemaking by the Ga Traditional Council, describing it as “lawlessness” and a breach of

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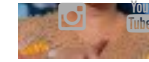
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the General Overseer of the Glory Temple Charismatic Ministry, the observance of the ban by Christians would mean “indirectly paying homage to the gods or worshipping to idols which is against our faith and the teachings of Christ”.



He and his church have accordingly petitioned the Minister for Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs, Kofi Dzamesi, to abolish the ban which is observed ahead Homowo Festival by the Ga people in Accra.

This year's ban, which started Monday, May 8, will end June 8, 2017. During the period residents within the metropolis are required to bring their noise making to the barest minimum failure.

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly has already set up a taskforce in place to ensure strict adherence to the one month ban, and anyone who flout it would be made to face sanctions.

But pastor in his petition says “it does not auger well and does not make sense for Christians to be forced observe a festival which they don't believe or is contrary to their faith”.





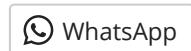
have the power to force traditionalists to share in the Christian faith, the traditionalists cannot also compel Christians to observe the ban in worship of their gods.

He said the practices which has gone on for far too long has to be stopped, and consequently pleaded with the Chieftaincy Ministry to abolish same “since it is against the freedom of Christians in Accra”.

“We plead with you and your ministry to act swiftly to avert any act of religious conflict in the country because the church is not going to tolerate that imposition of unacceptable faith on us any longer,” he stated in the petition which is copied to the Chief Justice, the Speaker of Parliament and the Ghana Bar Association.

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If you say you love someone whom you have NEVER seen before, to someone whom you have seen you are a LIAR! You are not even a christian.

So far as you see God through the eyes of your oppressor we shall never see freedom and you will consider your own civilisation as detriment to your own development.

Just like the human body needs rest after the 6th day, the environment/land needs rest after a specified period too, just as it is practised in the agrarian economies. These are scientific! Ban on drumming is just like lent in Christianity, fasting, etc.

For now is the Ga Traditional Council that is the custodian of the Ga State, just like every other



If these present leaders of the Church were in Daniel's time, when there was a decree that nobody should pray, they will bow to the order in the name of wisdom.

Because they love their life more than God. Keep the fight of a good course, God is with you

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I think the pastor got it wrong.

He must know that the ban does not prohibit them from their services, it only wants them to serve their maker without noise.

The metropolitan authorities have not helped matters in the sense that they have failed to implement the laws on noise making which have made some churches compete with spinners over who's equipment makes the loudest noise.

This period in the Ga state is likened to the period of lent in Christianity and such pastor must respect the Ga state and its bylaws or get out of Accra

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It is only like to the period of Daniel. Do the Church ever ask the traditionalist not to pour any of their rituals because the Church is fasting? Or did any other religion do such to the others because they are observing their



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